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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR MANSHEL'S FIRST DAYS

1. SUMMARY: VIRTUALLY ALL PAPERS REPORTED AMBASSADOR MANSHEL'S ARRIVAL ON JULY 27 WITH FAVORABLE STORIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON ARRIVAL DAY, AMBASSADOR MANSHEL MET THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT. IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, HE STRESSED SHARED VALUES AND A SPECIAL US-DANISH RELATIONSHIP, SPOKE OF HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S PLEASURE OVER THE ASSIGNMENT TO DENMARK, NOTED THAT THE US LISTENS CAREFULLY TO WHAT DENMARK HAS TO SAY, AND EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO BE "AN EFFECTIVE LINK BE-TWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES".

3. HE FIELDED FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE USSR (WHERE HE QUOTED BISMARCK SAYING ABOUT AUSTRIA THAT RELATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE EITHER A GREAT DEAL BETTER OR A GREAT DEAL WORSE, AND THEN COMMENTED THAT THE US HOPES FOR THE FORMER BUT IS PREPARED FOR THE LATTER), AFRICA, ANDREW YOUNG'S REMARKS AND ISRAEL (WHERE HE RUED THE PRE-SENT INTRANSIGENCE, UNDERSTOOD THE UNDERLYING TRAUMA BUT HOPED THAT TRAUMA WOULD GIVE WAY TO AN ABILITY TO SEE A SOLUTION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES).
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4. ALL COPENHAGEN DAILIES PLUS JYLLANDS-POSTEN HAVE RUN ARRIVAL STORIES PLUS PHOTOS, MOST TAKEN FROM RITZAU (DANISH WIRE SERVICE) REPORT. BERLINGSKE-TIDENDE, LEADING COPENHAGEN DAILY, RAN SIX-COLUMN STORY WHICH INCLUDED PHOTO OF FAMILY GROUP AT PLANE. HEADLINE WAS "WASHINGTON LISTENS CAREFULLY TO OPINION OF DANES", POINT MADE BY AMBASSADOR IN AIRPORT

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PRESS CONFERENCE. STORIES IN ALL PAPERS WERE FRIENDLY AND RECEPTIVE.

5. POLITIKEN FOLLOWED UP AIRPORT ARRIVAL STORY WITH A FRIDAY STORY ON MRS. MANSHEL, HEADLINED: "MODERN ART AT RYDHAVE". STORY NOTED HER INTEREST IN ART AND ART GALLERY BACKGROUND AND COMMENTED THAT BOTH MANSHELS COME FROM NEW YORK'S RENOWNED INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL SCENE AND WILL MAKE THE LANDMARK AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE OF FYDHAVE A SHOWPLACE FOR CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN ART.

6. FOLLOW-UP REPORTAGE ON PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY RECEIVED NORMAL COVERAGE.

7. COMMENT: EXTENT AND TONE OF COVERAGE PLUS WORD PICKED UP ON NEWSPAPER ROW INDICATE THAT FIRST IMPRESSIONS HERE AMONGST THE MEDIA HAVE BEEN SOLID AND POSITIVE.

8. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S AIRPORT REMARKS FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

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